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Meets in Sacramento May 9

Historical Resources Commission To Consider State, National Historic Sites

SACRAMENTO – The State Historical Resources Commission will consider a list of properties from around the state, including a floating lighthouse docked in the Oakland Estuary, for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places or as California Historical Landmarks at a meeting scheduled for May 9 in Sacramento.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and will be held at the State Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, in Sacramento.

The State Historical Resources Commission acts on applications for listing historic and archaeological resources on the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources, or as California Historical Landmarks or California Points of Historical Interest. The commission meets four times a year.

For its May 9 meeting, the commission is considering two properties recommended by the Office of Historic Preservation, which is within California State Parks, for designation as California Historical Landmarks:

- **The Point Arena Light Station, Mendocino County** – The property consists of a wood-frame fog signal station built about 1896, and a reinforced concrete lighthouse building and two auxiliary buildings dating to 1908. The 1908 lighthouse was built after the original 1870 brick light station collapsed in the earthquake of 1906. The complex has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1991.
- **Lightship “Relief,” Oakland Estuary** – Lightships were floating lighthouses anchored in areas where it was impractical to construct a lighthouse. The Lightship “Relief” was built in Boothbay, Maine, and was one of six lightships constructed for the U.S. Coast Guard. The “Relief” was commissioned in 1951 and served off the Delaware coast until 1959, when it was transferred to the Blunts Reef station off Cape Mendocino, where she served until 1969. Today, it is restored and operated as a museum vessel. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1990.

The commission's consent calendar includes the following properties recommended by Office of Historic Preservation staff for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places:

- **Euclid Avenue, Upland/Ontario, San Bernardino County** – Euclid Avenue, from 24th Street in Upland to Philadelphia Street in Ontario, is an 8.4-mile, tree-lined section of road that was first laid out in 1882. The main trees to be found along the median are California Pepper. These were the predominant trees historically. Also on the median are a variety of lawns, shrubs and rose bushes. Many curbs and gutters are made of cobblestone and concrete, although a fair number have been replaced with plain concrete.
- **The Andalusia apartment complex, Los Angeles** – The Spanish Colonial Revival courtyard apartment complex was built in 1926. It was designed by Arthur and Nina Wilcox Zwebell, who built a number of courtyard housing complexes in the 1920s.
- **Cecil Ranch Colusa County** – The ranch consists of a principal residence dating to 1909, as well as a number of secondary buildings, including a water tower built in 1910, a garage from the 1920s, a bunkhouse circa 1910 and a smokehouse constructed in the 1940s.
- **The Erhardt House, Elk Grove** – The William Erhardt House is a 1914 “Prairie Box” or American Foursquare residence in an area of Elk Grove originally known as the town of Franklin. The house is to be preserved in a two-acre park in the midst of a new housing development.
- **Los Gatos Union High School, Los Gatos** – The high school is a large two-story, neo-classical building constructed in 1925. It was designed by noted school architect William Weeks.
- **The Twohy Building San Jose** – The structure is a five-story reinforced concrete commercial building clad with ivory-colored glazed terra cotta. It was built in 1917 and was one of the first “skyscrapers” to be constructed in the South First Street district.
- **The Union Church, Dunnigan, Yolo County** – The church is a small one-story Gothic revival building with a two-story bell tower. Built in 1894, it is clad in horizontal wood siding and topped by a cross-gabled roof. The larger windows are of stained glass.